Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Specialist Ryan J. Paulson's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals who leave the comforts of their home and family to nobly serve a cause greater than themselves; and,

Whereas, Specialist Paulson has devoted over 20 years of his life making sacrifices that demonstrated no mission was to hard, no challenge was too great, and through test and trials he emerged stronger than before; and

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership as a combat engineer, masonry/carpentry specialist, and his service in Iraq have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country, and it is a privilege to honor his success, his sacrifice, and his service; and

Whereas, Specialist Paulson continues to give of himself; and, our future is brighter thanks to his dedication; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Specialist Paulson for over 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2017, as

Specialist Ryan J. Paulson Day

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State